



Invitation for Collaboration

Strategic objective of the Networked Society (NetSoc) project is to define the requirements for future networks that can seamlessly support the Networked Society of 2020 by enabling an informed dialogue and policy debate between the terrestrial, satellite and content delivery communities with the industrial and social application sectors through the active dissemination of the SRAs and ensuring the correct positioning of the networks and ICT issues in Horizon2020. Accordingly, the NetSoc target is to leverage the momentum developed in the Net!Works, ISI and NEM European Technology platform communities on networking issues, where joint initiatives taken by these ETPs will consolidate and reinforce the priorities for future network research. This will be ensured through an evolution of coherent platform Strategic Research Agendas (SRA) and their active promotion on a cross-platform and cross-sector basis. The SRAs for the communications networks domain are expected to clearly identify requirements for advances in networks, based on a well-developed dialogue with a wide range of usage areas and a lively discussion on policy issues in the networking domain.

In order to develop the required dialogue among various usage areas and the ICT sector, Net!Works, ISI, and NEM European Technology Platform will launch public discussions on potential interactions with the usage areas at the upcoming events:

- NEM General Assembly and NEM Summit in Istanbul on 16-18 October 2012,
- Net!Works Event 2012: Towards Horizon 2020, in Brussels on 13 November 2012,
- ISI General Assembly and ISI SatCom event, in Brussels on 14 November 2012,

The mentioned technology platforms will work in the next period on evolution of their SRAs in accordance with the following schedule:

- 1) A prioritisation of R&D items from the Net!Works, ISI, and NEM SRA documents will be discussed in respect to possible inter-sectorial interactions, where the NetSoc project will provide an intermediate summary of the priorities and discussions in December 2012.
- 2) Afterwards, the intermediate document will be discussed with so-called vertical communities, in order to gather specific requirements on future network and service evolution from different usage areas addressing various societal challenges.
- 3) An open discussion among ICT and vertical sectors is planned for spring 2013, to understand requirements from various usage areas on ICT and aiming at creation of updated SRA documents, which are expected to be finalized during 2013.

In order to establish a continuous dialogue with various usage areas, the NetSoc project is ready to launch and facilitate direct discussions among the usage areas and the ICT sector. To do so, NetSoc representatives are willing to participate at events and meetings of various sectors, where the discussions can be taken.